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CATHAY PACIFIC HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL RACES Sunday, 13 December 2009

Hong Kong Welcomes the World...

With three of its four defending champions back for another crack, Sunday's Cathay Pacific Hong Kong International Races at Sha Tin Racecourse has attracted a total of 51 runners, including a remarkably strong foreign contingent numbering 30. In the G1 Hong Kong Cup, the day's richest event at HK\$20 million (about \$2.6 million), Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum's **Eagle Mountain (GB)** (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) looks to repeat from the one hole against a field that includes **Presvis (GB)** (Sakhee), winner of the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup over course and distance last spring;



Owner Ken Ramsey reacts after drawing the inside for Cannonball in the Hong Kong Sprint *HKJC.com*

G1 Prince of Wales's S. hero **Vision d'Etat (Fr)** (Chichicastenango {Fr}); and local star **Collection (Ire)** (Peintre Celebre). **Good Ba Ba** (Lear Fan) will look to record some HKIR history as he goes in search of an unprecedented third straight score in the G1 Hong Kong Mile. To do so, he'll need to defeat a strong domestic bench headed by **Happy Zero (Aus)**

(Danzero {Aus}), the winner of seven of eight career starts, who steps up from a handy victory in the International Sprint Trial Nov. 22. **Inspiration (Aus)** (Flying Spur {Aus}), last year's winner at odds of 66-1, and 2007 champion **Sacred Kingdom (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) lock horns in the G1 Hong Kong Sprint, which has attracted nine Group 1 winners in addition to Americans **California Flag** (Avenue of Flags) and G1SP **Cannonball** (Catienus). The G1 Hong Kong Vase will crown a new champion. Led by **Youmzain (Ire)** (Sinndar {Ire}), three times runner-up in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, the marathon event also features **Jaguar Mail (Jpn)** (Jungle Pocket {Jpn}), a strong third, beaten a neck last year; G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud winner **Spanish Moon** (El Prado {Ire}); and local favorite **Viva Pataca (GB)** (Marju {Ire}). *Full Fields p2-4*

KIP DEVILLE'S CONDITION WORSENS

IEAH Stables' **Kip Deville** (Kipling), winner of the 2007 GI Breeders' Cup Mile, is suffering from laminitis in both front feet and faces an uphill battle for survival, according to *Daily Racing Form*. "It's going to be very, very very difficult to beat; he's got a pretty significant case," IEAH co-president Michael Iavarone told the *Form*. "One foot is worse than the other. The left side seems to be much worse, it's rotated fully. They cut his tendons to release some of the pressure. We're going to continue to do what we can within reason and humanity, and hope he pulls through it. They told us he's 20-80 to survive." The six-year-old gelding has been at Rood and Riddle Equine Clinic since September and has undergone two colic surgeries. In addition to his Breeders' Cup victory, Kip Deville won the 2007 Frank E Kilroe Mile H., 2008 GI Maker's Mark Mile S. and 2009 GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.



Sarah K Andrew

LAVA MAN DRAWS TWO IN NATIVE DIVER

Three-time GI Hollywood Gold Cup winner **Lava Man** (Slew City Slew) drew post two in Saturday's GIII Native Diver H. at Hollywood Park. The race would be his first since the GI Eddie Read H. in July 2008, but connections have revealed the eight-year-old gelding will not start if forecasted rain hits the Inglewood area.

Full field p4

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong
CATHAY PACIFIC HONG KONG CUP-G1,
 HK\$20,000,000, 3yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	Vision d'Etat (Fr)	Chichicastenango (Fr)	Peslier	Libaud
2	1	Eagle Mountain (GB)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Shea	de Kock
3	9	Presvis (GB)	Sakhee	Fallon	Cumani
4	10	Collection (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Beadman	Moore
5	5	Starlish (Ire)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Crastus	Lellouche
6	4	Eyshal (Ire)	Green Desert	Marwing	Moore
7	6	Mr Medici (Ire)	Medicean (GB)	Dettori	Ho
8	8	Special Days (NZ)	Keeper (Aus)	Williams	Size
9	3	Queen Spumante (Jpn)	Jungle Pocket (Jpn)	Tanaka	Kojima
10	2	Ashalanda (Ire)	Linamix (Fr)	Mosse	de R-Dupre

All carry 126 pounds, bar Queen Spumante, 122; and Ashalanda, 119.

Collection looks to become the first locally based winner of this prestigious event since Vengeance of Rain (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) scored back in 2005, but his task was made significantly more difficult when he drew widest in the 10-horse field. "Can we do that again?" lamented jockey Darren Beadman. "Gate 10 not perfect. Hope he can get in midfield one off the fence." Winner of the Listed Hampton Court S. at Royal Ascot in 2008, the bay has won three



Collection (left) and stablemate Eyshal galloping
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of his seven starts since being imported, including the Hong Kong Derby in March and the International Cup Trial Nov. 15.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong
CATHAY PACIFIC HONG KONG MILE-G1,
 HK\$16,000,000, 3yo/up, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	9	Good Ba Ba	Lear Fan	Doleuze	D Cruz
2	14	Egyptian Ra (NZ)	Woodborough	Coetzee	T Cruz
3	3	Able One (NZ)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Prebble	Moore
4	10	Racing to Win (Aus)	Encsta de Lgo (Aus)	Bowman	O'Shea
5	2	Gris de Gris (Ire)	Slickly (Fr)	Thulliez	de R-Dupre
6	11	Happy Zero (Aus)	Danzero (Aus)	Beadman	Moore
7	8	Pressing (Ire)	Soviet Star	Callan	Jarvis
8	5	Sight Winner (NZ)	Faltaat	Whyte	Size
9	7	Alexandros (GB)	Kingmambo	Dettori	bin Suroor
10	12	Confront (GB)	Nayef	Moore	Stoute
11	6	Duff (Ire)	Spinning World	Berry	Lynam
12	1	Fellowship (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Purton	O'Sullivan
13	4	Ferneley (Ire)	Ishiguru	Fallon	Cecil
14	13	Sweet Hearth	Touch Gold	Mosse	de R-Dupre

All carry 126 pounds, bar Sweet Hearth, 121.

Racing to Win is the fourth of the Australian representatives on the card and will try to snap the three-race winning streak of the home team. The seven-year-



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old, a five-time Group 1 winner, made a favorable impression in a Thursday morning tour of Sha Tin, and has the confidence of his jockey. "He's going better than his form suggests," Hugh Bowman commented. "He overraced last start in the [G1] Mackinnon [Oct. 31] at 2000 meters

and did well to stick on to be fourth. Now he's back to his pet distance. I think he's still got enough zip to be competitive, and a genuine pace would suit him." Racing to Win, fourth in the Mackinnon, carried top weight of 132 pounds to take Rosehill's G2 Theo Marks H. Sept. 12. He has won half of his 18 starts at seven to nine furlongs.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong
CATHAY PACIFIC HONG KONG SPRINT-G1,
 HK\$12,000,000, 3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	Sacred Kingdom (Aus)	Encsta de Lgo (Aus)	Prebble	Yiu
2	3	Scenic Blast (Aus)	Scenic (Ire)	Arnold	Morton
3	14	All Silent (Aus)	Belong to Me	Hall	Begg
4	9	Apache Cat (Aus)	Lion Cavern	Oliver	Eurell
5	2	Total Gallery (GB)	Namid	Murtagh	J S Moore
6	8	Borderlescott (GB)	Compton Place (GB)	Callan	Bastiman
7	4	California Flag	Avenue of Flags	Talamo	Koriner
8	11	Inspiration (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Winks	Moore
9	1	Cannonball	Catienus	Dominguez	Ward
10	5	Green Birdie (NZ)	Catbird	Doleuze	Fownes
11	13	Laurel Guerreiro (Jpn)	King Halo (Jpn)	Fujita	Kon
12	10	War Artist (Aus)	Orpen	Peslier	Eustace
13	6	Joy and Fun (NZ)	Cullen (Aus)	Doyle	D Cruz
14	12	One World (Aus)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Beadman	Moore

CORRECTION: in yesterday's Bill Oppenheim column, Flashy Bull was inadvertently identified as a complete outcross to Nearco, when in fact it should have read Flashy Bull's sire, Holy Bull. Oppenheim says while Flashy Bull is on his list for endorsement when he gets to the unproven sires, the sentence should have read, "Holy Bull is a good idea for a promising younger mare, and, by the way, talk about an outcross." We apologize for any confusion.

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CATHAY PACIFIC HONG KONG SPRINT-G1 cont.

With the other main speed, **Laurel Guerreiro**, drawn one from the outside in this bulky field, **California Flag** should be able to make the front from the four hole with Joe Talamo in the irons. "We all know he is a speed horse and that's a perfect draw for him, particularly with the Japanese horse probably having to work hard from his wide gate," commented trainer Brian Koriner.



California Flag
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Cannonball, a neck second in the G1 Golden Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot in June, enters this second overseas venture off a staying-on third in to California Flag in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint Nov. 7. He will have a chance to save all the ground from the inside Sunday afternoon. "We are very happy to be coming out of there," owner Ken Ramsey offered. "The ground, I am told, will be fresher there, and this is a game of inches, so maybe we can save a little ground from this gate."



CAN ANYONE STOP THE EUROS?

Just two of the 15 runnings of the G1 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Vase have been won by non-European horses, the last being Japan's Stay Gold (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) in 2001. Though Daliapour (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) was purchased privately and raced for Hong Kong



Viva Pataca HKJC.com

interests when he took the 2000 renewal for Sir Michael Stoute, it was the Ivan Allan-trained Indigenous (Ire) (Marju {Ire}) who last flew the flag for the country in 1998. **Viva Pataca (GB)** (Marju {Ire}) has always been held in the highest regard since being imported from England three years ago. He provided Macau casino tycoon Stanley Ho with a landmark victory in the 2006 Hong Kong Derby. Winner of the 2007 G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup and runner-up in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic in 2008, he makes his

fourth appearance at the International meeting, but first in the Vase after a second and two fourth-place efforts in the Cup. **Jaguar Mail (Jpn)** (Jungle Pocket {Jpn}) will have a live chance to take the Vase back to the Land of the Rising Sun if he reproduces his effort of last year, when he was a neck third to the repeating Doctor Dino (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}). **Field p4**

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CATHY PACIFIC HONG KONG VASE-G1,
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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	7	Youmzain (Ire)	Sinddar (Ire)	Fallon	Channon
2	5	Spanish Moon	El Prado (Ire)	Moore	Stoute
3	13	Viva Pataca (GB)	Marju (Ire)	Beadman	Moore
4	4	Kasbah Bliss (Fr)	Kahyasi (GB)	Thuillez	Doumen
5	12	Thumbs Up (NZ)	Shinko King (Ire)	Prebble	Shum
6	1	Jaguar Mail (Jpn)	Jungle Pocket (Jpn)	Soumillon	Hori
7	6	Packing Winner (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Doyle	Ho
8	9	Buccellati (GB)	Soviet Star	Buick	Balding
9	11	Jackpot Delight (NZ)	Danasinga (Aus)	Winks	Fownes
10	8	Jamesina (Aus)	Orpen	Lloyd	Ferraris
11	2	Black Mamba (NZ)	Black Minnaloushe	Doleuze	Sadler
12	10	Cirrus des Aigles (Fr)	Even Top (Ire)	Blondel	B'rnde-Barbe
13	3	Daryakana (Fr)	Selkirk	Mosse	de R-Dupre

All carry 126 pounds, bar Black Mamba, 122; Cirrus des Aigles, 121; and Daryakana, 117.

BLACK-TYPE PREVIEWS

Saturday, Hollywood Park

NATIVE DIVER H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Mast Track	Mizzen Mast	Bejarano	Ascanio	116
2	Lava Man	Slew City Slew	Rosario	O'Neill	118
3	Square Eddie	Smart Strike	Gomez	O'Neill	115
4	Neko Bay	Giant's Causeway	Smith	Shirreffs	116
5	High Court Drama (Ire)	Theatrical (Ire)	M Baze	O'Neill	113
6	Tres Borrachos	Ecton Park	Espinoza	Greely	115



RACING Round-Up

IT TIZ, SUZANNE JOIN STARLET FIELD

Trainer Mark Glatt reported that **It Tiz** (Tiznow), third in the Nov. 22 Moccasin S., will join the field for the Dec. 20 GI Hollywood Starlet S. The dark bay filly was fourth in both the GI Darley Debutante S. Sept. 5 and GI Oak Leaf S. Oct. 4. "The Moccasin didn't go that great, but she still ran third, and she's not a sprinter," Glatt commented. "We'll take our best shot." Joel Rosario has the mount. Trainer Greg Sacco and owner William Schettine are expected to supplement **Suzanne** (Officer) to the Starlet. The chestnut filly, a maiden winner at Monmouth Park in August, is coming off a seventh-place effort in the Nov. 14 John Franks Juvenile Fillies Turf S. at Calder. **Blind Luck** (Pollard's Vision), winner of the Oak Leaf and third in the Nov. 6 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, worked seven furlongs Thursday in 1:26.20 at Hollywood in preparation for the Starlet. Rafael Bejarano has the mount for trainer Jerry Hollendorfer.

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PALOS VERDES NEXT FOR KINSALE KING

Kinsale King (Yankee Victor), winner of Sunday's GIII Vernon O. Underwood S. at Hollywood Park, will likely make his next start in the Jan. 23 GII Palos Verdes H. at Santa Anita, according to trainer Carl O'Callaghan. "Kinsale King came back in good shape," O'Callaghan said. "The race did not take a lot out of him. I'm turning him out for a few days in Chino at a facility where he can swim." O'Callaghan is hoping Kinsale King will receive a berth to the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen S. in March.

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Carl O'Callaghan

Accomplishment: O'Callaghan recorded his first stakes victory as a trainer when Kinsale King (Yankee Victor) scored in Sunday's GIII Vernon O. Underwood S. at Hollywood Park.

Birthdate: December 7, 1975

Birthplace: Born in Co. Clare, Ireland

Family: Single. One younger brother.

Current residence: Southern California

How did you get your start in racing: I started riding ponies in Ireland at a very young age and began galloping racehorses when I was about seven. I came to America when I was about 14. I didn't like school and I just wanted to get out of there, and it was just time for me to move on, so my mother got me a ticket and I came over here and I liked it. Initially, I worked for John Kimmel in New York, and I was with him for six or seven years. Then I was with Todd Pletcher for the last eight years. I tried going out on my own before, but had no luck, so I went back again to Pletcher. This past year, I met up with a group of people called Super Horse Inc [who own Kinsale King], which is run by Dr. Patrick Sheehy, who is from Ireland. I bought a lot of horses with him this past year, yearlings and two-year-olds that have gotten me going this year. I have 35 in training, the majority for Super Horse.

First Win: My first win was back at Delaware with a horse named Texmckay [in 2003].

What was it like to win stake Sunday: I can't even put it into words. First of all, I was extremely confident about the horse. When I walked into the paddock, I didn't think there was anybody who could beat me. That's how confident I was in the horse. But then to actually watch him perform and think, 'I was right. I was so right.' I'm young. I'm the youngest guy out here, and they're all thinking, 'What's this punk doing here?' I'm the only one at Hollywood with a suit on. They're all laughing at me, you know. First of all, I'm very proud of myself, and I'm proud that I made my parents proud. We didn't come from anything back home, and I've been out here on my own for a long time. To actually make it to last Sunday was a big deal for me. I'm winning maiden claimers and \$12,500 claimers, but to actually get to where I am today was a huge accomplishment for me. But most of all, I was just extremely happy for the owner, because he is an outstanding person. He's an owner, but he's my friend now, too.

Training Philosophy: I want to know the horses as individuals. I want to know why this filly won't run this way or why this colt is behaving a certain way. So that's what I try to do, just get inside their heads.

Favorite Racetrack: Saratoga. I have a lot of good memories there with Todd and all the great horses that we had there over the years.

Idol growing up? I guess, as a young lad, Lester Piggott was one of my favorites and Vincent O'Brien for the trainers. I wanted to ride. I rode some pony races back home, but I just grew too tall too quick.

Favorite Pastime: Music. My dad is a musician and I started playing guitar at a young age. I play Irish country music. I recorded my first CD was when I was 16, and my first single was 'Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer.' I found an old cassette tape; I was in America at the time, and Ireland had never heard of the song. I was going home that summer. I found the song. I couldn't even understand it really, but I brought it home and there was a studio in town. It was 50 pounds to record this song--and my dad wouldn't even help me. I went and recorded it and it was a hit at home. When I came back to America, I made another album and I have four albums now. All the proceeds go to fighting cancer in kids. I don't keep any of it. I spent a lot of time in Florida over the last few years and met up with Saint Baldrick's, which is researching a cure for cancer in kids. I did a lot for them in south Florida. I don't do as many gigs now because of the horses, but over the Christmas, I'll do a lot for the veterans in California and the Elk Lodges, all that kind of stuff. And it gets me away from the horses, takes my mind off it for a little while and refreshes my mind.



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What is the most unusual venue you have ever performed at?: I married a girl one year, wait -- I didn't marry the girl, I sang at her wedding in Delaware back in 1999. Then months later, I pulled into a gas station and I see this car with divorce written on the back and cans dangling from the back. And I said, 'That's crazy who would go on honking the horn for a divorce. She pulled into the gas station and gets out of the car and I said, 'Mary, didn't I just marry you a few months ago.' So we had a big party that night and she got divorced. I nearly died. I'd be a great man to be living on that street on Desparate Housewives, Wisteria Lane. That would be a great street for me.

What was your family's reaction to win: I called them at three in the morning and was trying to explain to them what a Grade III was, because my mum is not really into the races. But with the computers now, she's catching up. But dad knew what was going on. And the bookie's office was showing it the next day. They were ecstatic.

On CD Player: Right now I'm listening to the Irish Tenors. It's Christmas stuff right now.

Favorite Vacation Spot: I never get vacations. But if I were to pick a place, I don't know, maybe Cabo.

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NYRA REVEALS ANTI-SLAUGHTER POLICY The New York Racing Association has instituted a new anti-slaughter policy. Under the new policy, any owner or trainer stabled at a NYRA track found to have directly or indirectly sold a horse for slaughter will have his or her stalls permanently revoked. "We are fully committed to protecting our sport's equine athletes," said NYRA President and CEO Charles Hayward. "This policy sends the message that horse slaughter will not be tolerated and that those participating in this practice, either knowingly or for lack of due diligence, will not be welcome at Aqueduct, Belmont Park or Saratoga." In announcing the anti-slaughter policy, NYRA also reaffirmed its support of equine retirement, anti-slaughter and research organizations. In the past year, NYRA has provided donations to the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, Columbia Green Humane Society, Grayson Jockey Club Research Foundation and Exceller Fund.

EARLY START TO ECLIPSE AWARDS The 39th annual Eclipse Awards will be held Jan. 18 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills and will begin at Eastern-Time Zone friendly 5 p.m. PT. "Due to the enormous interest in this year's Eclipse Awards, the three organizations have decided to start the proceedings earlier than in the past in order to accommodate major media deadlines," explained Keith Chamblin, NTRA Senior Vice President of Communications and Industry Relations. Order forms for tickets are available at www.ntra.com.

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AT THE THRESHOLD

by RTIP Student **Jim McVicker**

A highly esteemed panel addressed the issues of drug testing and threshold levels on the final day of the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program's 36th annual Symposium on Racing and Gaming.

Moderated by Dr. Rick Arthur, Equine Medical Director, California Horse Racing Board, the panel focused on several key questions and issues.

Firstly, why do we need thresholds? Thresholds can be defined as, "a concentration, in a test sample, above which a finding is reported." Drug testing procedures are designed to insure the integrity of the sporting event, the well-being of the equine athlete, as well as the integrity of the wagering event.

Current technology allows for the detection of extremely low concentrations of a substance in blood and urine samples. The testing process establishes limits of detection (LOD). These LODs are registered and measured in nanograms and picograms. With the technological capability to detect increasingly minute, miniscule traces, can zero tolerance be an acceptable policy? A well-intentioned veterinarian could administer a therapeutic drug and, if the acceptable withdrawal time is based on one level of detection versus a lower level of detection, what then?

Secondly, with the detection of a substance, it must also be determined at what level the detected substance does, or does not, actually impact the performance of the racing animal and, as such, the outcome of a race. So the question becomes, how should the thresholds be set? The panel supported the process of providing accurate, reliable, scientific data and, once established, adopt these guidelines for uniformity throughout the industry.

Dr. Heather Knych, Specialist of Equine Pharmacology, University of California, Davis, presented some scientific methods used in determining the effects of a drug upon the animal. Two of the scientific methods discussed were "Pharmacokinetics," what the body does with the drug and how it passes through the body; and "Pharmacodynamics," what the substance does to the body. These processes, within a strictly controlled study, help to "determine absorption, metabolism, and excretion rates." Collectively, this provides data on the effects on performance and withdrawal rates. These studies, in essence, "establish what effect a drug has on a horse, and when the drug is no longer effecting the horse."

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Dr. Richard Sams, Professor and Director, Racing Laboratory, University of Florida, made the distinction between therapeutic drugs (used in the treatment of disease and disorders), and prohibited drugs, (performance enhancing, painkillers, etc), which have no acceptable purpose in the racehorse. "Therapeutic thresholds may be too low, while prohibited drug thresholds may be too high." Testing positive for a therapeutic drug can be the result of misinformation regarding withdrawal time or be the result of differing standards in another jurisdiction.

Dr. Robert Lewis, President, Elgin Veterinary Hospital, Inc., clarified the benefits of the costly, time consuming studies. "The objective is clear and simple--to provide veterinarians, trainers and the industry as a whole with reliable data on threshold levels affecting performance, and accurate, reliable times for withdrawal of therapeutic medications, and to provide uniformity within the industry," he said.

The goal of determining the LOD and effects on performance and establishing reliable withdrawal times can be extremely challenging. Each study must be scientifically defensible, followed by a peer review of the presented findings and finally publication in research journals is required. The process can take many years to complete.

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THE SOCIAL MEDIA AND RACING

by RTIP Student Candice Curtis

The development and use of social media was a hot topic at the 36th annual Symposium on Racing & Gaming Thursday. The panel, "Social Media: Making it Business Relevant," featured a cast of tech and media experts with insight into how current trends can be incorporated into promoting racing.

Moderator Michael Tanner, executive vice president of the United States Trotting Association, highlighted the media's power early in the panel, when he described how fan comments on a message board caused him to re-think his role at the Symposium.

Aaron Smith, research specialist from Pew Internet & American Life project, explained in detail the rapid growth in online social networks in the past five years. "Almost one in five Americans use a social networking site (such as Facebook, MySpace or Twitter) every day," he said. He described how the typical social network site user has changed over the past five years from mostly male, urban and educated to more female, less highly concentrated in cities and with education levels more closely matching the general online population. Smith also pointed out that the greatest growth has been in the 50-60 age demographic, which has seen an increase from two percent of users in 2005 to six percent in 2009.

Smith also stressed that social networking sites attract the most involved users. "The participatory class is very different in its opinions and attitudes than other users," he said. "People who participate feel more personally connected to the cause."

Dr. Holly Kruse, assistant professor in communication at the University of Tulsa, described the internet's evolution from four connected computers in 1969 to the billions of sites in 2009. She also described early forms of social media, such as Usenet and the more recent "Derby List." Unfortunately, when she asked the audience if any had actually participated in any of them, few hands went up.

Kruse said that often in racing, "'social' gets lost in the discussion." She said that racing has done some good things, but there are places where the sport has not put itself out there. "We need to think about this as an 'attention economy,'" she said. "The most important thing is not to control distribution [of content], but to command attention."

She suggested finding "points of influence" not exclusively in the racing world. "If racing really wants to expand its audience, don't just focus on racing-centric people. The conversation is very insular."

Among Kruse's other recommendations were to offer quality content for free to users and cultivate more women as gamblers.

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DESTINATION FACILITY? OR DESTINATION TO NOWHERE?

by RTIP Student Steve May

From the design of racinos to improving the customer experience through appearance and service, industry insiders discussed the essential aspects of making the racetrack work as a destination property during a 2009 Symposium on Racing and Gaming panel discussion Thursday.

Gary Palmer, President and CEO of Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, opened the discussion by showcasing improvements in the Altoona, Iowa facility, which has grown substantially as a result of casino operations.

Numerous architects followed Palmer, discussing the important aspects of designing a modern racino, from the initial construction modeling to adapting established racetracks to fit the racino scheme.

Frank L. Ciminelli II is senior vice president of LP Ciminelli, a construction firm that has been involved in 28 racetrack projects in seven states, accounting for over \$1.6 billion in construction costs. Ciminelli remarked that even with the best facility, the opening days are important to customer service, and that improper training can deter from every customer's view of the racino. "Always allow time for training of new staff," recommended Criminelli.

David Climans also commented on the design and adaptation of racetracks to racinos, citing numerous examples from his firm, Climans Green Liang Architects. Among the projects that the firm has undertaken are Delaware Park and The Meadows, a Standardbred facility in Pennsylvania. The firm also has plans to alter several Pennsylvania tracks for the addition of table games.

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Donald Dissinger, senior vice president of EwingCole, Inc., another design firm, discussed how "gaming is here to stay," although he agreed, "it is a moving target."

"You have to protect your legislation and its current rate structure so that, in fact, the horse racing industry can continue to benefit from gaming," Dissinger insisted.

Dissinger also commented on Delaware Park and the tremendous job the management has done to develop a multi-purpose facility, which includes a golf course and a planned hotel and transit center.

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In addition to the legislative issues surrounding racino development, the restoration and reopening Hialeah Park was also mentioned, another project for EwingCole, Inc.

Dissinger commented on the restoration of the paddock area "as an entertainment space that works for both racing and gaming." Dissinger made a rather bold prediction when he boasted, "The amount of energy surrounding this property points to the potential for this to be reopened and hosting the Breeders' Cup as early as 2013."

Perhaps reality set in for many track operators with the presentation of Russ Simons, a senior principal with Populous, an entertainment-centered group that is dedicated to "bringing people together."

"Racing hasn't been able to deliver a consistent guest experience overall," said Simons. "Architecture is an important part, but it isn't the only part." Simons focused on innovations that racing is lacking, such as a strong point-of-sales system in which patrons are able to utilize credit and debit cards.

"We know in the major sports that the take is 15-25 percent higher when you have a comprehensive point-of-sales system for food and beverage. Is there a reason you are leaving this money on the table?" questioned Simons.

Simons added, "If convenience is not consistent at your track your fans will go where they feel appreciated."

Simons opened many eyes when he showed numerous slides featuring photographs of racing and sports venues, with images ranging from dead birds on the ground, piles of litter, and abandoned food and beverage facilities. "You must have a commitment to service at your tracks. All of the architecture on the planet, without this commitment, means your 'destination' will be a destination to nowhere."



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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

6:35p TVG 7th-HOL, \$40K, Alw/Opt. Clm. (\$62.5K), 3yo/up, 6fT
Bidding on behalf of Lee and Susan Searing's C R K Stable, trainer John Sadler went to \$440K for **HUNCH (Lion Heart)**, the top-priced offering of 108 youngsters sold from his sire's first crop. The dark bay faced the starter for the first time June 20 at Hollywood, streaking home to score by a widening 2 3/4 lengths and becoming a **TDN Rising Star** in the process. Unraced since, he makes his turf debut this afternoon. brisnet.com pps

7:05p TVG 8th-HOL, \$36K, Msw, 2yo, f, 6fT
URNS MY HEAD (IRE) (Montjeu {Ire}) debuts in the colors of Amerman Racing LLC and the in-form barn of trainer David Hofmans. Produced by Egyptian Queen (Storm Cat), a half-sister to MGSW & GISP A.P. Warrior (A.P. Indy), she cost \$310K as a KEESEP yearling last fall. Her second dam is English and Irish champion sprinter Warrior Queen (Quiet American). brisnet.com pps

★ NEW YORK ★

Backstretch Children Shop for Free:

Belmont Park's Anna House child care center will be turned into a shopping mall Saturday as sons and daughters of backstretch workers pick out Christmas gifts for their families from donated items. Items were donated by Toys for Tots, Toys for Hope, Floral Park Lions Club and the Floral Park Women's Club. It will be the eighth consecutive year for Anna House's free shopping spree. "Last year, we had about 375 kids," said Belmont Child Care Association executive director Donna Chenkin. "This year, we're expecting over 400. We've received so many great donations from local organizations, NYRA staff, trainers and owners. It's just great to be able to help these kids and their families during the holidays."



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Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$47,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

SAARLIGHT (f, 3, Saarland--Crystal Blaze, by Spectacular Bid), second by a neck in her debut at Aqueduct in February, came back to break her maiden in the Wide Country S. at Laurel a month later. She aired by 10 1/4 lengths (101 Beyer) in a Big A allowance in April, then ran a game second to subsequent Grade I winner Flashing (A.P. Indy) as the favorite in the Gill Nassau County S. in the Belmont slop May 2. Sent off the chalk in again in the Jostle S. at Philly Park June 13, she faltered badly, finishing second last, and was sent to the sidelines. Up to take command under Alan Garcia in this comeback, Saarligh was pressed through a quarter in :22.70. She began to get away from the field approaching the quarter pole and, after opening an insurmountable lead, was under just a modest hand ride to defeat Quiet Mover (Quiet American) by a length. The winner is a half to Currency Quest (Cryptoclearance), SW. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 6-3-2-0, \$133,800. **Click for the brisset.com chart or [video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

O-C Allard. B-North Wales LLC (KY). T-A Magnuson.

3rd-AQU, \$43,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft. + **GOLDEN GALLEON** (f, 2, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Atlantic Ocean {MGSW, \$678,210}, by Stormy Atlantic) charged down the center of the inner track to become the first winner for Thoroughbred Futures Racing. A \$250,000 FTSAUG yearling who resold for that same amount as a FTFFEB juvenile, the dark bay had been in steady training since last September up at Saratoga, and was made the 2-1 favorite in the final few ticks of the tote. Unhurried for the opening half-mile beneath replacement rider David Cohen, Golden Galleon gained on the turn and wanted to lay in a bit while nearing the front at the furlong marker, but drove by her rivals for a three-length success. Victoria Lynn (Grand Slam) was second, a neck better than the well-backed debuter Splitting Heirs (Wildcat Heir). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800. **Click for the brisset.com chart or the [video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

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GOLDEN GALLEON (Medaglia d'Oro)

Officially launched earlier this year, Thoroughbred Futures celebrated their first win in style when **Golden Galleon** (Medaglia d'Oro) rolled home a three-length winner at the Big A yesterday. Initially slated to run last



Thoroughbred Futures photo

weekend, the attractive daughter of MGSW Atlantic Ocean (Stormy Atlantic) had to wait until yesterday after races on Sunday and Wednesday failed to fill. Golden Galleon, conditioned by Todd Pletcher, was partnered by David Cohen after a trip to visit family precluded Johnny

Velazquez from riding the juvenile in her career bow. After months of waiting eagerly to see their newly minted silks in the winner's circle, Thoroughbred Futures President Adam Corndorf and Vice President Andrew Cary failed to realize that dream yesterday, despite gaining the victory.

"We had a filly run a couple of weeks ago, and it appears that they had misplaced our silks, so we had to wear the house silks," said Corndorf, explaining the last-minute change. "As always seems to be the case, they found our silks five minutes after the race. I joked with Todd that since she won that race, then maybe the Aqueduct house silks should become our new silks." He added, laughing, "If they all run like that, they can wear anything they want."

In contrast to the confusion unfolding behind the scenes, Golden Galleon's initial racetrack foray went off considerably smoother.

"Her trademark thus far has been a tremendous amount of professionalism and class," explained Corndorf, who was on hand for the race. "In the paddock before the race, she looked like she had been there before even though she hadn't. Just very confident, like she was ready to go."

Corndorf added, "We always saw her as a two-turn filly, but she definitely handled the six-furlong distance the right way today. She looked a little bit green when she got the lead late--she might have been surprised and didn't know what to do. But we're happy with what she did, and Todd feels like she still has room for improvement."

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In Sharper Focus cont.

Purchased for \$250,000 at the Fasig-Tipton's Calder Sale in February, the filly was sent to Dr. Robert Copelan in Paris, Kentucky, before shipping to Calumet Farm in Lexington.

"We got her over to Calumet Farm and they did a great job bringing her along slowly, and trying to teach her how to be a racehorse," explained Cary. "The Calumet crew, including the farm's trainer Jose Fernandez and Calumet Farm Manager Bill Whitman, did such a great job. She handled everything so professionally and very easily. She just passed every test."

After a stint at Saratoga over the summer, the filly accompanied Pletcher's string to Belmont in the fall, but connections opted to give the filly extra time to develop before sending her out for her first race.

"We were very patient, and it is very tough to be patient in this day and age, but we wanted to do right by her," said Cary.

Despite holding a strong belief in Golden Galleon's ability heading into yesterday's race, connections were admittedly cautious in whether the filly would appreciate the abbreviated trip.

"We didn't really expect her to win, because we didn't think this would be her forte, given the distance," explained Corndorf. "We hoped that her talent would pull her through, and given what she did today, she gives us confidence that she can stretch out and, hopefully, have the same results."

While the fillies' sire Medaglia d'Oro was no secret at the time of Golden Galleon's purchase, Cary pointed out that the Darley stallion's greatest accomplishments as a sire still lay ahead of him. And according to Cary, that fact proved to be a large factor in explaining the fair purchase price.

"Medaglia d'Oro was good at the time [of Golden Galleon's purchase], but that was right before Rachel Alexandra really took off," said Cary. "In fact, the next week, Rachel won the GII Fair Grounds Oaks [in March], and then the train really started rolling. [Golden Galleon] wasn't really on everyone's list down [at Calder] and appeared to be a little under the radar. But, luckily for us, Rachel kept doing everything she did, and the sire just got hotter and hotter."

No doubt further bolstering Golden Galleon's market value is her dam, Atlantic Ocean, winner of the GIII Miesque S. and GIII Santa Ysabel S., and runner-up in a trio of Grade II events.

"We feel very fortunate to get a filly like that out of a sire and mare like that," said Corndorf. "We felt she was a steal at that price. We've been very optimistic about her and have been thrilled to see what has happened with the pedigree around her, especially with [Medaglia d'Oro's] fillies, who have just been getting better and better."

Looking down the road, the filly is expected to ship to Palm Meadows Training Center in Florida and is likely to resurface at Gulfstream at the end of next month.

"We are looking forward to stretching her out for her next start, which will probably be in an allowance at Gulfstream next month," said Corndorf.

Outlining plans for the remainder of the current Thoroughbred Futures team, Cary added,

"We've also had Leopard Rock [Speightstown], who ran second in her first start at Monmouth [July 4]. She is down at Palm Meadows right now. Water of Life [Hennessy] ran fourth at Saratoga in her debut [Aug. 7] and she is down in Ocala. We gave both of them a little time off after their second starts to let them grow up a little bit. We also have a very exciting Rock Hard Ten filly named Inner Groove, who ran fifth in her first start [at Aqueduct Nov. 15]. It was on a muddy track, so we are willing to give her the benefit of the doubt that she will improve next time. She is also going to run at Gulfstream next month."

After taking some time to soak in the victory, Corndorf and Cary were obviously elated after collecting their first victory under the Thoroughbred Futures banner.

"This was exactly what we were dreaming about having with our first group," said Cary. "To have a filly with potential like this and to close out the year with a win heading into the two-year-old sales next year is very exciting. Hopefully, we'll be able to go down to the sales this winter and find another one like her."

To read more about Thoroughbred Futures as published in the Mar. 4 edition of the *TDN*, click [here](#).

-- Christina Bossinakis

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-LRL, \$28,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24, ft.
SUPER ROBUSTO (g, 3, [Smoke Glacken](#)--Stylish Maner, by Touch Gold), a \$140,000 KEESEP yearling, was a solid second at 5-2 odds going a furlong shorter at Philly Park Nov. 7. Hammered down to 4-5 favoritism here, the gray contested the pace from a three-wide perch, then left the field in his wake as he sailed home clear by 7 1/2 lengths. Sin and the City (Speightstown) was second best. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$24,760. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).**

O-Arlene London. B-Hermitage Farm LLC (KY). T-Alan S Seewald.

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★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-FGX, \$45,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04 1/5, ft.

SKY AT SUNRISE (f, 3, [Songandaprayer](#)--Sailor Pluto, by You and I) made two appearances over the Polytrack at Woodbine this term, winning her maiden by 1 1/4 lengths Oct. 16 before fading to fifth in a first-level allowance Nov. 21. Drawing in from the also-eligible list when this came off the rain-soaked infield, the full sister to Go Go Shoot, MSW & GSP, \$345,323, gained an easy early advantage, was challenged in upper stretch by Amusing Plan (Pleasantly Perfect), then held off a late charge from True Brew (Milwaukee Brew) to score by a nose at odds of 3-1. Sales history: \$50,000 yrl '07 OBSAUG; \$100,000 2yo '08 FTMMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$48,072. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).

O-Richard L Lister. B-Robert Hurley (FL). T-Malcolm Pierce.

2nd-FGX, \$45,000, Msw, (S), 3,4,5yo, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04 3/5, ft.

CARMEL DOLL (f, 3, [Royal Academy](#)--Kenzie Girl, by Maria's Mon), a half to Bluehard (Smart Strike), SW, \$122,351, ran seventh in the slop in an Evangeline Downs July 8 and was shelved. A 6-1 chance in this return, the homebred pressed in second, then drew off to graduate by 5 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$27,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).

O/B-Keith J & Earl J Hernandez & John Duvieilh (LA). T-Frank Leggio.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:



3rd-HOL, \$38,628, Msw, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45 3/5, ft.

CRISP, f, 2, by [El Corredor](#)

1st Dam: Cat's Fair, by Sir Cat

2nd Dam: Very Fair, by Honest Pleasure

3rd Dam: Equal Change, by Arts and Letters

Though Michael Talla's Crisp didn't make it easy on herself in her second career start, she was able to overcome her own antics to fly home a convincing winner. A \$160,000 Keeneland September purchase, the John Sadler-trained filly was off to a slow start in her debut going 6 1/2 furlongs here Nov. 15, but came running for show honors, beaten 6 1/2 lengths. Taking plenty of early support in this stretch out before drifting up a tad to 2-1 odds, Crisp raced between horses in the opening furlongs a few lengths off the pacesetter.

Switched to the far outside up the backstretch, she looked poised to pounce on the turn, but bore out badly nearing the quarter pole, and lost all momentum as jockey Rafael Bejarano tried to gather in his charge. The pair found themselves back about six lengths back in upper stretch, but once the ship was righted, Crisp closed like a shot down the center of the track and was up to best favored Fashion Trend (Petionville) by a length. The winner was produced by an unraced half-sister to Thorough Fair (Quiet American), dam of GISW Whywhywhy (Mr. Greeley) and GSW Spellbinder (Tale of the Cat). "We really loved her coming into this race, especially on the stretch out" said Sadler. "We thought she'd win, but then she didn't corner well--which is an understatement. We think she's going to be special. In her first start, she closed well and galloped out very well. She's such a big filly--she's close to 17 hands--that she was never going to be an early two-year-old, so we took our time with her. From here, we'll just take it one step at a time. There are some great three-year-old filly races here in California in the spring, and whether we'll have an allowance race in between, we'll have to see." Crisp was bought as a yearling by David Ingordo, who has had success with other 17-hand fillies--Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}). "David is my guy in Kentucky," said Sadler. "We work together on a lot of horses, and it's a real team effort." Crisp was broke in Ocala, Florida by Jeanne Mayberry. Her owner, Michael Talla, is the founder of the Sports Club/LA franchise. Sadler said he's been involved in the game for four or five years and currently has eight horses in training with him. "He's a real up-and-coming owner," said Sadler, "and he's a great guy." Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$27,120. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#) or [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

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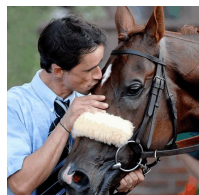
Giant Sequoia, g, 5, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Beware of the Cat (SW & GSP, \$164,094), by Caveat. Kempton Park, 12-10, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Strategy Bloodstock. *11,000gns HIT '07 TATAUT. **3/4 to Hold That Tiger (Storm Cat), Ch. 2yo Colt-Eur, G1SW-Fr & MGISP-US, \$646,420; 1/2 to Editor's Note (Forty Niner), MGISW, \$1,604,124; Catnip (Flying Paster), SW, \$123,224; Forty Nine Hearts (Forty Niner), SP, \$160,310; Catfriend (Capote), SW-Fr & Ger.

IN FRANCE:

Army Scout, c, 2, [Giant's Causeway](#). See "France."

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Bolkiah, f, 2, [Doneraile Court](#)--Stardust Dreams, by Al Nasr (Fr). Hipodromo de Monterrico, 12-8, Mdn, 7.5fT, 1:30.60. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-1, S5,170. O-Stud Myrna; B-Edward Tannebaum (KY); T-Jorge Salas. *\$7,200 yrl '07 KEENOV. **1/2 to Nosir (Ceeis Tizzy), SW, \$215,920.



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ACT OF DUTY (Mr. Prospector), Bridlewood, \$5K, 57/9/0

5-CRC, Alw, 1m, Shotgun Duty, \$14K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1

5-CRC, Alw, 1m, Fly by Phil, 5-2

BWANA CHARLIE (Indian Charlie), Journeyman Stud, \$8K, 47/11/0

11-TP, Aoc, 1m, Ruthless Ruthie

4-HAW, Msw, 6f, Italian Revolution, \$10K OBS APR 2yo, 2-1

CLOSING ARGUMENT (Successful Appeal), Sequel FL, \$10K, 99/20/1

5-PHA, Msw, 7f, J Leonard, \$45K OBS APR 2yo, 5-1

DANCE WITH RAVENS (A.P. Indy), Northview, \$8K, 85/8/0

4-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Lost Lenore, 4-1

GREAT PYRAMID (IRE) (Danahill), Bridlewood, \$3K, 18/0/0

11-TP, Aoc, 1m, Egyptian Charmer

8-HOL, Msw, 6fT, Great Bernardine

LEROIDESANIMAUX (BRZ) (Candy Stripes), Stonewall, \$30K, 71/6/0

5-PHA, Msw, 7f, Brasiler, \$24K KEE NOV wnl, 15-1

5-DED, Msw, 7 1/2f, Courtnmollyanne, \$27K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

LIMEHOUSE (Grand Slam), Vinery, \$18K, 99/14/2

8-HOL, Msw, 6fT, +Summer Games, \$47K BAR MAY 2yo

MINGUN (A.P. Indy), Lane's End, \$8K, 70/6/0

5-RP, Msw, 1m, +Asian Dream, 20-1

OUR NEW RECRUIT (Alphabet Soup), 14/2/0

7-GG, Aoc, 6f, Very Fair

PICO CENTRAL (BRZ) (Spend a Buck), Padua, \$10K, 51/5/0

7-GG, Aoc, 6f, Majestic Peak, \$140K OBS MAR 2yo

ROMAN RULER (Fusaichi Pegasus), Hill 'n' Dale, \$30K, 155/28/3

5-PHA, Msw, 7f, Bulletproof Spirit, \$100K OBS FEB 2yo, 5-1

2-CRC, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Dynamic Barbie, \$95K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

SAINT LIAM (Saint Ballado), Lane's End, \$50K, 98/12/1

5-PHA, Msw, 7f, Trappist Monk, \$15K EAS SEP yrl, 20-1

5-RP, Msw, 1m, Eyes of a Saint, \$30K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1

WOKE UP DREAMIN (Holy Bull), Millennium, \$8K, 57/5/0

5-RP, Msw, 1m, Woke Up Smilin, 3-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, Dec. 11

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

CANDY RIDE (ARG) (Ride the Rails), Land's End Farm, \$10K, 217/59/7

5-DED, Msw, 7 1/2f, +Astrantia, 6-1

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★ BRITAIN ★

CAPTAIN GERRARD TO MICKLEY STUD

Reg Bond's **Captain Gerrard (Ire)** (Oasis Dream {GB}--Delphinus {GB}, by Soviet Star) has been retired and is to stand next season at Mickley Stud in Shropshire, covering for a fee of £3,500, special live foal terms. The dual Group 3 winner has been sold in a deal brokered by Blandford Bloodstock's Tom Goff, and the four-year-old is also likely to shuttle to Australia in 2010. A five-time winner at two, Captain Gerrard won the G3 Cornwallis S. at Ascot after listed victories in the Harry Rosebery S. at Ayr and the Roses S. at York. He also garnered the G3 Palace House S. at Newmarket as a three-year-old last term, and achieved his best placing at the highest level when fourth in this year's G1 King's Stand S. at Royal Ascot. "We have been looking for some time for a stallion to join our line up who could be a good source of two-year-old speed, and Captain Gerrard fits the bill perfectly," commented Richard Kent, owner of Mickley Stud. "He is the fastest son of the brilliant Oasis Dream to stand at stud and, as a good-looking five-time winning juvenile, he should have great appeal to any commercial breeder."

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX LYPHARD-Listed, €52,000, Deauville, 12-10, 3yo/up, 1 3/16m (AWT), 1:57.10, stn.

1--**SKY CRUSADER (GB), 125, g, 7, Mujahid--Red Cloud (Ire), by Taufan.** (8,500gns wnlg '02 TATDEC; 14,500gns RNA yrl '03 TATOCT; 12,000gns HIT '06 TATAUT). O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-V S & Mme Aram; T-Markus Nigge; J-Thomas Huet; €26,000. Lifetime Record: 44 starts, 17 wins, 10 places, €243,490.

2--**Eire (GB), 121, m, 5, Medicean (GB)--Mavourneen,** by Dynaformer. (26,000GNS yrl '05 TATOCT; €25,000 RNA HIT '07 DEADEC). €10,400.

3--**Fleur Enchantee (Fr), 121, m, 5, Marchand de Sable--Mademoiselle Fleur (Fr), by River Mist.** €7,800. Margins: 2, HF, NK. Odds: 4.40, 25.00, 4.80. Also Ran: Magic Eye (Ire), Willywell (Fr), Philatelist, Risquillo (Fr), Burn the Breeze (Ire), Pallodio (Ire), Bigzam (GB). Also Ran (not classified): Il Divo (Ger), Indian Daffodil (Ire), Time for Gold (Fr), Forthe Millionkiss (Ger), Darjani (Ire), Audaz (GB), Arlanda (Ger), For Joy (GB).

Prix Lyphard cont.

Sky Crusader was successful in a pair of course-and-distance conditions July 4 and Aug. 22, and came here off a fourth in the Sept. 5 G3 September S. at Kempton. Positioned in midfield until taking closer order with three furlongs remaining, he seized control off the home turn and was ridden out in the closing stages register a first black-type score in comfortable fashion.

Deauville, 10.50, Cond, €28,000, 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:32.30, stn.

ARMY SCOUT (c, 2, Giant's Causeway--Volga {Ire} {GISW-NA & GSW-Fr, \$1,141,628}, by Caerleon), a first-up third over course and distance Oct. 22, was restrained under cover in rear through the early fractions of this one. Coming under pressure in early stretch, the 9-5 chalk quickened smartly to lead passing the eighth pole and was urged clear late to best Rubacuori (Fr) (Vettori {Ire}) by 2 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €17,600. O/B-Joseph Allen; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

APPOINTMENTS

MR. PETER BEER

- Appointed chief executive officer at Patinack Farm in Australia.
- A highly experienced financial executive with 22 years experience in the private and public companies, Beer was employed by the Consolidated Press Holdings Limited Group in various management and key strategic positions from January 1981 to September 2003. In 1998, Beer was also appointed CEO & Director of the international arm of Publishing & Broadcasting Ltd. The last 6 years has been devoted to private investment interests.
- Beer has held a lifetime interest and involvement in the Thoroughbred industry both locally and overseas.
- "I am very excited to be joining Patinack, especially at this time in their development," Beer said. "The results Nathan and his team have achieved in a short space of time are nothing short of phenomenal, and I look forward to playing a part in future successes at Patinack."
- Beer will be based in Patinack Farm's Sydney office and will take up his position commencing Monday, Dec. 14.

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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-FGX, \$49,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04 1/5, ft.

BELEND (g, 6, My Friend Max--Beleka, by Belek) Lifetime Record: 32-6-9-5, \$214,602. O-Maggi Moss. B-JoAnn Thompson (LA). T-Thomas M Amoss. *Full to My Friend Bele, SW, \$145,980.

5th-PEN, \$36,000, 12-9, NW1X, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11 1/5, sy.

ALL COUNTY (f, 2, Medallist--Kat's Fairy Tale, by Tale of the Cat) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-2, \$54,590. O-Maggi Moss. B-KatieRich Stables, Christopher G Connors & Don Weisberg (KY). T-Stephanie S Beattie.

9th-CTX, \$29,200, 12-9, NW3LX, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:21 2/5, my.

PROUD OF MIDWAY (c, 2, Proud Citizen--Lovely Morning, by Cox's Ridge) Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, \$58,000. O/T-John D McKee. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). \$70,000 RNA wlng '07 KEENOV.

8th-CTX, \$29,000, NW2LX, 3/up, 1 1/8m, 1:53 2/5, my. **EDGEWATER (g, 3, Lion Heart--Life in Seattle, by Unbridled)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$36,960. O/B-Lazy Lane Farms Inc (KY). T-Rodney Jenkins. *1/2 to Kona Blend (Dixieland Band), MSW & GSP, \$174,960.

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GULFSTREAM

Backseat Rhythm (El Corredor), 5f, 1:02.05, 7/9
Dry Martini (Slew Gin Fizz), 4f, :53.00, 6/6

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Blind Luck (Pollard's Vision), 7f, 1:26.20, 1/1
Chocolate Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}), 5f, 1:00.00, 3/30
Life Is Sweet (Storm Cat), 5f, 1:02.00, 21/30
Marsh Side (Gone West), 4f, :49.40, 4/5

PALM MEADOWS

Asiatic Boy (Arg) (Not For Sale {Arg}), 3f, :37.40, 9/19
Etched (Forestry), 4f, :48.00, 5/29
Past the Point (Indian Charlie), 4f, :48.40, 9/29
Taqaarub (Aldebaran), 3f, :37.00, 6/19

SANTA ANITA

Gabby's Golden Gal (Medaglia d'Oro), 7f, 1:26.80, 1/2
Nownownow (Whywhywhy), 5f, 1:03.80, 49/51
Tiny Woods (Roman Ruler), 6f, 1:15.60, 15/16

7th-CRC, \$19,550, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36, gd.

RUN JAMAICAN'S RUN (f, 3, Cherokee Run--Duchess Zea {SW}, by Ascot Knight) Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-5, \$59,077. O-Steven Dwoskin. B-Barry & Judith Becker (KY). T-Steven Dwoskin. *\$47,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. **1/2 to A La Reine (Alydeed), GSW, \$266,400; Molly's Pride (Maria's Mon), SW, \$118,198.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Flamin' Hot, c, 2, Flame Thrower--Domestic Dispersal, by Scatmandu. CRC, 12-10, 5fT, :57. B-Gary Garber (FL). *\$25,000 RNA 2yo '09 OBSAPR.

Tale of Love, f, 2, Tale of the Cat--True Love Is Gold, by Goldwater. CTX, 12-9, 6 1/2f, 1:20 2/5. B-Marilyn McMaster (FL). *\$34,000 RNA 2yo '09 OBSAPR.

★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

IN CHILE:

+ **Piedra Oceanica (Chi)**, f, 3, **Ocean Terrace--Piedra Roja**, by Manos de Piedra. Hipodromo Chile, 12-10, Mdn, 1200m, 1:15.26. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O-Stud La Estrella; B-Haras El Sheik; T-Jose T Allende. *1/2 to Pandora's Box (Chi) (Sadlers Congress {Ire}).

Renata Scotto (Chi), f, 3, **Ocean Terrace--Tabla Redonda (MGSW-Chi)**, by Braka. Hipodromo Chile, 12-10, Clasico Club de Polo y Equitacion San Cristobal, 1200m, 1:12.82. Lifetime record: 7-4-0-0. O-Stud Araucania; T-Juan Pablo Baeza. *1/2 to Don Renato (Chi) (Edgy Diplomat), G1SW-Chi & MGSP-UAE, \$100,000.

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Dec. 26	GI La Brea S.	SA
	GI Malibu S.	SA
	GII WL McKnight H.	CRC
Dec. 27	GIII Kenny Noe Jr. H.	CRC
	GIII Stage Door Betty H.	CRC
	GIII Sir Beaufort S.	SA
	GII San Gabriel H.	SA



BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Deauville, 11.20, €28,000, 2yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:32.50, stn.

DARLING PEARL (FR) (f, 2, Vespone {Ire}--Magic Motion, by Green Dancer) Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €29,800. O-Jean-Claude Rouget & Mme Beatrice Hermelin; B-Pierre Talvard & Scarlet Management Inc; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€28,000 yrl '08 ARQOCT.

FRANCE, Deauville, 12.20, €28,000, 3yo, 1 1/2m (AWT), 2:35.90, stn.

LE ROUMOIS (FR) (c, 3, Muhtathir {GB}--Blanchelande {Ire}, by Subotica {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 2 wins, 4 places, €44,740. O-Mme Olivier Lecerf; B-Olivier Lecerf & Jean Lecerf; T-Eric Libaud.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Prince of Sorrento (GB), c, 2, Doyen (Ire)--Princess Galadriel (GB), by Magic Ring (Ire). Kempton Park, Britain, 12-10, Mdn, 2yo, 7f (AWT). B-Mrs Pam Akhurst. *Seventh winner for freshman sire (by Sadler's Well).

Zegna (Ire), g, 3, Clodovil (Ire)--Vade Retro (Ire), by Desert Sun (GB). Kempton Park, Britain, 12-9, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-Castlefarm Stud. *20,000gns yrl '07 DONSEP.

★ WINNERS BY EURO SIRES ★

IN ARGENTINA:

Don Letal (Arg), c, 4, Orpen--Doña Polenta (Arg) (MGSW-Arg), by Candy Stripes. San Isidro, 12-9, Clasico Urbano de Iriondo-Listed, 7f, 1:20.58. Lifetime Record: MGSW-Arg, 15-5-3-1. O/B-San Benito; T-Carlos Daniel Etchechoury. *Won by four lengths.

IN CHILE:

Talien (Chi), c, 3, Tumblebrutus--Welsh (Chi), by Hussonet. Valparaiso Sporting Club-G3, Clasico Alfredo L. S. Jackson; 1900m, 1:55.56. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Chi, 8-4-0-1. O/T-Alvaro Fernandez. B-Haras Mocito Guapo.

Blue Shell (Chi), c, 4, Muqtarib--Jasa (Arg), by Espacial II. Club Hipico de Santiago, 12-7, Clasico Velocidad-G2, 1000m, 57.34. Lifetime record: 24-13-1-3. O-Stud Mascato; B-Haras Sumaya; T-Juan C Pichara.

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THERE'S MORE TO THE STORY...

BREEDERS', HORSEMENS' GROUPS RESPOND TO NYC OTB BANKRUPTCY FILING

After New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation filed for Chapter 9 bankruptcy protection last Thursday, representatives of New York breeders' and horsemen's groups were left wondering what will happen to the company that handled \$1 billion during the 2008 fiscal year.

According to an NYC OTB statement, the company is running a "significant monthly structural deficit." The *Daily Racing Form* has reported that the organization will run out of cash by March, and has \$600 million in liabilities arising from unfunded obligations to its pension and health-insurance plans.

NYC OTB, one of six OTB networks in the state, also owes money to the New York Racing Association, which conducts racing at Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga; and the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund Corporation, which pays out breeder, stallion and owner awards for New York-bred horses. The Fund receives \$4.9 million--about 40 percent of its revenue--per year from NYC OTB, but NYC OTB is currently five to six months behind in its payments, according to the Fund's Executive Director Martin Kinsella. That fact has not yet prevented awards from being distributed, but the future is uncertain.

"The Fund disbursed awards approximately two weeks late during the last award period," Kinsella said. "The most recent period went out on time. But this is more a function of lower award amounts due to fewer New York-bred restricted races at NYRA [over the time period]."

Kinsella said the Fund's lawyers are looking into what impact the Chapter 9 filing will have on the program.

"With Chapter 7 and 11 being the more popular bankruptcy filings, Chapter 9 is lesser known to all but bankruptcy lawyers," Kinsella explained.

The majority of the money OTB owes NYRA is earmarked for purses, according to trainer Rick Violette Jr., president of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association.

"I believe OTB currently owes NYRA between \$13 million and \$14 million, of which 60 percent is actually purse money," Violette confirmed.

In the past, OTB would settle its accounts with NYRA 30 days after the money was earned, but that time frame has been pushed back to as far as 120 days due to OTB's financial struggles, Violette said.

"Purses have not been cut because of the slow payments from OTB," he stated, but added, "If the money were to evaporate, it'd be a different story."

Muddy Waters Ahead...

OTB wants to reduce its contributions to the sport in order to improve its financial condition. The company maintains it has fallen into debt because it is legally required to pay a fixed percentage of its gross handle to tracks, purses and breeders' funds, and that the percentage of the takeout left for OTB does not cover its operating expenses. The company contends it could be profitable if its payments to racing were based on net revenues.

"For years, the New York State legislature has required NYC OTB to pay New York State, New York City and the horseracing industry a percentage of the total amount of bets placed, no matter how much of the bets NYC OTB was authorized to retain nor how much its operating expenses grew," OTB said in a statement on nycotbfacts.com. "As a result, NYC OTB fell deeply in debt and has been unable to reinvest in its business. It has not had the resources to build modern racing facilities, nor has it been able to invest in new technologies or product distribution channels that would attract a wider demographic and create operating efficiencies to lower costs substantially."

Kinsella is fearful that if OTB made payments based on net revenues, it would have a "tremendously detrimental effect" on the Breeding and Development Fund.

"I hope that the New York State Legislature sees the harmful effects of such a move," Kinsella said.

Violette vowed that the reorganization plan outlined by OTB would be met with "stiff opposition," and added that he believes OTB has itself to blame for its financial problems.

"There has been incredible waste for decades now with OTB, and it would be irresponsible to try to repair that on the backs of the horsemen who put on the show," Violette said. "For decades, it has been the model *not* to use for states looking into off-track betting. Trying to keep the ship from sinking by paying less to the industry they need to sustain their own product is mind-boggling."

Jeffrey Cannizzo, executive director for the New York Thoroughbred Breeders, the official authorized representative of Thoroughbred breeders in the state, called for racing interests to unite against any plan that would reduce OTB's contributions to racing.

"I think everyone in the industry is concerned with what comes out of this Chapter 9 [filing]," Cannizzo said. "The industry needs to be together, and if we don't create a solution that supports the model itself, we'll all ultimately fail in the long run. The industry shouldn't suffer due to OTB's management issues."

NYRA, which is expected to be one of OTB's largest creditors, will not comment on the filing outside of court proceedings, according to *DRF*. -J.F.